

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently amended) A filter device comprising, a casing with a bottom end and an upper open end, a liquid inlet **[[]]** and a liquid outlet, at least said liquid inlet being arranged at said bottom end, a moveable lid for releasably covering said casing at said upper open end, a valve structure arranged at said bottom end and being movable between a first position wherein said liquid inlet is open and a second position wherein said liquid inlet is blocked, and a filter element including a mesh-like filtering medium, said filter element being releasably arranged within said casing for filtering liquid flowing from said liquid inlet to said liquid outlet, and being located between said valve structure and said lid, said valve structure being rotatable about an axis extending between said upper open end and said bottom end, between said first position and said second position of said valve structure, and said lid being rotatable about said axis**[[,]]**, wherein said lid is coupled to said filter element and said filter element is coupled to said valve structure so that when said lid is rotated about said axis, said valve structure is rotated about said axis between said first position and said second position only through a corresponding rotation of **[[by]]** said filter element.

17. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16, including seals for sealing said filter element against said valve structure and against said lid, respectively.

18. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16 or 17, wherein said liquid outlet is arranged at said bottom end of said casing.

19. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 18, wherein said valve structure is configured to block said liquid outlet in said second position of said valve structure.

20. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16 or 17, wherein said lid is adapted to engage and disengage said casing through said rotation of said lid about said axis.

21. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16 or 17, wherein said lid includes a gripping handle.

22. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16, wherein said filter element is releasably coupled to said lid and/or said valve structure.

23. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16 or 17, wherein said filter element has a lower end and an upper end and includes an essentially rigid elongated structure supporting said mesh-like filtering medium, said filter element including an internal axial flow passage wherein said liquid flows.

24. (Currently amended) The filter device according to claim 23, wherein said filter element is essentially tubular, and said filter device includes an annular space [()]] between said filter element and said casing.

25. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 24, wherein said valve structure includes a first chamber having an entry port and communicating in said first position of said valve structure with said liquid inlet and said internal passage of said filter element.

26. (Currently amended) The filter device according to claim 25, wherein said valve structure includes a second chamber having an exit port and communicating in said first position of said valve structure with said liquid outlet and with said annular space.

27-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Previously presented) The filter device according to claim 16, wherein said filter element includes a valve at a bottom end thereof, said valve being adapted to close upon release of said filter element from said casing.

30-31. (Cancelled).

32. (Currently amended) The filter device according to claim 16 ~~or 30~~, wherein said filter element is coupled to said lid by complementary engagement means and said filter element is coupled to said valve structure by complementary engagement means, wherein rotation of said lid causes said movement of said valve structure.